

FEBRUARY 8, 2010, 7:00 PM
CHOCONUT VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – L.G.I. AREA

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED MARCH 8, 2010

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Mr. Douglas Wilcox
President, Board of Directors

Mr. Michael F. Ognosky
Superintendent of Schools

The Montrose Area School District Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Board President Mr. Doug Wilcox at 7:02 PM in the Choconut Valley Elementary School L.G.I. room, RR 1 Box 1730, Friendsville, PA, 18818.

I. OPENING EXERCISES - Led by Board Member Mr. Chris Caterson

II. ROLL CALL – Mrs. Judith Sample, Co-Board Secretary

PRESENT: Mr. Christopher Caterson, Mr. George Gow, Mrs. Mary Homan, Ms. Julie Humphrey, Mrs. Kathleen Mordovancey, Mrs. Gloria Smith, Mrs. Pamela Staats, Mr. Douglas Wilcox

ABSENT: Mr. Karl Wimmer

ADMINISTRATORS/SUPERVISORS: Mr. Michael Ognosky, Mrs. Michelle Lusk, Mr. Russ Canevari, Mr. Greg Adams, Mr. Craig Owens, Mr. Rickie Clapper

III. GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING

A. Susquehanna County Library – Mr. Kim Harwood
Prior to introducing Mr. Harwood, Chairman of the Susquehanna County Library Building Committee, Mr. Ognosky reviewed the background of the land the Montrose Area School District has donated to the Susquehanna County Library for their new facility. Mr. Harwood thanked the district for their support in this project and distributed information packets to the members of the Board detailing the library's fundraising efforts as well as future fundraising campaigns and various construction designs. Following a request by Mr. Harwood and a discussion by the Board members it was agreed that Mr. Ognosky would contact the district solicitor in regard to extending the contract between the district and the library for an additional five years.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS TO ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS - None

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V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Items from members of Board of Directors - None

VI. AGENDA ITEMS

A. **MINUTES** – Mr. Douglas Wilcox, Board President

120. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mr. Gow to approve the following minutes as submitted:

- a. January 11, 2010 Board Meeting
- b. January 11, 2010 Work Session
- c. January 20, 2010 Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting
- d. February 3, 2010 Finance Committee Meeting
- e. February 4, 2010 Curriculum Committee Meeting
- f. February 4, 2010 Community Advisory Committee Meeting

Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes

YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

VI. AGENDA ITEMS – continued

B. FINANCE – Mr. Chris Caterson, Chairperson

121. Mr. Ognosky and Mrs. Lusk responded to questions from the members of the Board prior to this vote. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to approve a list of bills to be paid as submitted.

Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes

YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

122. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Homan to approve the December 2009 and January 2010 Treasurer's Reports as submitted which include the 22 and 30 Funds.

Mr. Ognosky reviewed the activity of the 22 and 30 Funds prior to the vote.

Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes

YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

C. LEGISLATIVE – Mr. Chris Caterson, Chairperson

D. TRANSPORTATION – Mr. Douglas Wilcox, Chairperson

E. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS / SAFETY – Mr. George Gow, Chairperson

123. A motion was made by Mrs. Homan, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to approve a Settlement Agreement and Release of Claims with Phoenix Contracting Services, Inc., as submitted, regarding the high school roof project.

Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes

YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

124. Prior to the vote Mr. Ognosky reported that this was a budgeted item and Mr. Owens reviewed the bid process. A motion was made by Mrs. Homan, seconded by Mr. Gow to award a bid to Endeavor Audio and Lighting Services in the amount of \$28,251 for the Junior-Senior High School auditorium sound system.

Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes

YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

F. TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Karl Wimmer

G. CURRICULUM – Mrs. Pamela Staats, Chairperson

H. EXTRA CURRICULAR – Mrs. Kathy Mordovancey, Chairperson

125. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Smith to accept with regret the resignation of Carrie Robinson as Junior High Softball Coach effective immediately.

Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes

YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

126. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Homan to appoint the following coaches contingent upon completion of employment requirements effective the beginning of the 2010 spring sports season. Mr. Ognosky reported that the softball coaching positions still need to be filled.

a. Sami Bourzik as Assistant Track Coach at a cost of \$2,150

b. Diane Dean as Head Girls Volleyball Coach at a cost of \$3,465

Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes

YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

VI. AGENDA ITEMS – continued

I. **POLICIES** – Mrs. Gloria Smith, Chairperson

J. **PERSONNEL** – Ms. Julie Humphrey, Chairperson

127. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to appoint Carol Potter as a daily support staff substitute effective immediately contingent upon completion of employment requirements.

Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes

YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

K. **PROFESSIONAL** – Mrs. Mary Homan, Chairperson

128. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mrs. Smith to accept with regret a resignation for the purpose of retirement of Sandra Kaub, English/Journalism teacher at the Junior-Senior High School effective June 12, 2010.

Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes

YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

129. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to appoint Ashley Smith as a long term substitute autistic teacher at the Choconut Valley Elementary School effective approximately March 8, 2010 through approximately May 17, 2010 at a daily rate of \$147.22 with no fringe benefits.

Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes

YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

130a. Prior to the vote on this item Mr. Ognosky reviewed the interview process for those in attendance. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Staats to appoint the following as daily substitute teachers effective immediately contingent upon completion of employment requirements:

- a. Kathleen DeMario, emergency
- b. Justin Marbaker, elementary
- c. Vicki Cain, early childhood

Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes

YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

130b. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Staats to appoint the following as a daily substitute teacher effective immediately contingent upon completion of employment requirements:

- a. Stephanie Gow, elementary

Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Abstain; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes

YES – 7 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 1

VII. NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Doug Wilcox, Board President

131. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Gow to accept with regret the resignation of Janet Small as census taker for Forest Lake Township effective immediately.

Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes

YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

VIII. SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS – Mr. Wilcox reviewed the following upcoming meetings:

- A. Monday, February 8, 2010, immediately following Board meeting – Work Session, Choconut Valley Elementary School L.G.I.
- B. Wednesday, February 10, 2010, 4:00 PM – Energy Committee meeting, Administration Building, Superintendent’s Office
- C. Thursday, February 25, 2010, 7:00 PM – Community Advisory Committee meeting, Choconut Valley Elementary School faculty room
- D. Monday, March 8, 2010, 7:00 PM – Board meeting, Choconut Valley Elementary School L.G.I.

IX. OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS’ ADDITIONAL COMMENTS - None

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X. ADJOURNMENT – A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Caterson to adjourn this meeting at 7:32 PM.

Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes

YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

Michael Ognosky, Superintendent of Schools